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Applicant: Charles W. Wampler II

Art Unit 2128

Title: METHOD FOR COMPUTER-

AIDED LAYOUT OF

MANUFACTURING CELLS

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RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 8

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication of December 17, 2003. Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.